

# TITUS COUNTY

Titus County Courthouse



Sam W. Russell  
County Judge

May 13, 2009

The Honorable Ralph Hall  
United States Congress  
2405 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-001

RE: US 271 from IH 30 to FM 3417, Titus County, Texas  
High Priority Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Hall:

Titus County is seeking High Priority Project funding for US 271, in Titus County, Texas, and this letter is in support of that funding request. This request is seeking funds for Phase II of the US 271 relief route between IH 30 and FM 3417 to construct the remaining mainlanes and frontage roads necessary to complete ultimate four-lane divided highway with frontage roads in Titus County.

This project has regional benefits of improving economic productivity, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement. This project will complete the ultimate four-lane divided freeway with frontage road facility that serves as a western loop for Mt. Pleasant. US 271 carries a significant amount of truck traffic through the Northeast Texas region. Completing Phase II of US 271 will provide safety, economic, mobility, and environmental benefits. Safety benefits include separating truck and regional through traffic from local traffic through densely developed areas of Mt. Pleasant. Economic and mobility benefits include more efficient movement of people and goods with less delay by increasing capacity and reducing congestion. Environmental benefits include reduced pollution levels and enhanced energy efficiency by improved traffic flow in and around Mt. Pleasant, with less stop and go movements and vehicle idling.

Should sufficient High Priority Project dollars be made available for this project, Titus County will work diligently to complete the project for the benefit of the region. Titus County will fund the 20% match and will seek support from TxDOT and other local sources of funding. Project development will follow the NEPA guidelines to ensure that the appropriate public involvement will occur on this project. **This project will undergo a public comment period.**

We greatly appreciate your assistance on this program, if we can provide any additional information please contact me at (903)577-6791, or A. Scott Young, P.E. at (214)849-1950.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sam W. Russell", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Sam Russell  
Titus County Judge